

PASSAGE IS ENGAGED

For the Russian Delegation to the Peace Parley.

WITTE AMONG NUMBER

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE.

Notable Party of Diplomats—Some Embarked at Cherbourg and Others at Bremen.

PARIS, July 15.—The North German Lloyd Company has received a dispatch finally engaging passage on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, sailing from Cherbourg July 23, for the following list of the Russian plenipotentiaries and their party:

M. Witte, chief plenipotentiary.
Prof. Dr. Martens, professor of international law at the University of St. Petersburg.
M. Shpoff, director of the treasury department.
Maj. Gen. Yermoleff, military attaché at London.
M. Samoiloff of the Russian foreign office.
M. Plancon, formerly Russian charge d'affaires at Peking.
M. Korotkevich, formerly secretary of the Russian legation at Peking.
M. Naboukoff of the foreign office.

The company assigned M. Witte and Mme. Witte to a handsome suite composed of three luxurious communicating cabins. However, it is understood in diplomatic circles that Mme. Witte may decide to remain in Paris.

The dispatch received by the company says that some of the Russian party will embark at Bremen, but M. Witte and most of the party will board her at Cherbourg.

Envoy Pokotloff Sailed.
SHANGHAI, July 15.—M. Pokotloff, Russian minister to China, left today for Vancouver on the steamer Empress of China.

M. Pokotloff is on his way to Washington to attend the forthcoming peace conference. He has been appointed by the Russian government to assist the plenipotentiaries from that country in their work before the conference.

Press Comment Over Witte.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 15.—The Soviet, which sometimes takes the views of the military party, today indignantly rejects the interpretation put on M. Witte's appointment abroad, namely, that it is equivalent to the acceptance of any peace terms Japan may choose to offer except leveling the fortifications of Vladivostok. The paper calls attention to Emperor Nicholas' marginal notes on various addresses expressing his determination to continue the war, and to the fact that the telegram to Lieut. Gen. Linevitch, June 14, which the commander-in-chief read to the army and which has been published, in which the emperor pledged himself to do everything possible to lighten the heavy task of the army and expressed confidence that the negotiations will result in peace, and that the war would end happily for the Russian arms, as proof that the emperor has no intention to make peace at any price.

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Witte Sees the Czar.
M. Witte had another long audience with Emperor Nicholas today. Investigation in authoritative quarters enables the Associated Press to positively announce that the reports current here late last night that M. Witte might not go to Washington were incorrect. M. Witte's instructions, it is also stated authoritatively, name him as first plenipotentiary and clothe him with plenary powers. The instructions are couched in general terms.

Notes.

Surgeon Raymond Spear, U. S. N., is leaving through St. Petersburg on his way to the far east.

Negotiations for the Russo-French commercial treaty began at the ministry of finance today.

Prices on the bourse today were buoyant and strong.

The crop report does not support the predictions that a famine is coming in Russia. In some of the central and eastern provinces the outlook is bad, owing to lack of rain in the spring, but as a whole the government's report classifies winter wheat as above the average and spring wheat as middling to good and rye the same. Oats and barley are good. There is also a considerable surplus from last year's record harvest.

PORTSMOUTH PLANS.

REASONS WHY PLACE WILL BE USED FOR Peace Parley.
PORTSMOUTH, N. H., July 15.—Acting Secretary of State Polk and Edward N. Pearson, secretary of state of New Hampshire, today visited the Portsmouth navy yard and held a conference with Rear Admiral W. W. Meade, the commandant. Details of the coming peace conference between the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries were arranged. It was decided that the sessions should be held in rooms on the second floor of the general store building. The patrol of marines at the yard will be increased, particularly in the vicinity of the building, and no one not directly connected with the negotiations will be permitted to enter.

A visit was made later by Mr. Polk and Mr. Pearson to Newmarket, where rooms for both the Japanese and the Russian envoys were engaged at the Hotel Wentworth.

It was officially announced at the navy yard that this place was selected for the conference because it afforded military protection, because an Atlantic cable land here and because there are hotels on the coast which can easily be reached without travel by land.

CHANGED ITS TACTICS

Russian Army in Far East Now Non-Aggressive.

SITUATION IS QUIET

GEN. LINEVITCH STRENGTHENING HIS LINE OF DEFENSES.

Reports of Epidemics and Contagious Diseases Among Troops—Karsakorsk Practically Destroyed.

TOKYO, July 15.—An army officer who has returned from Manchuria says that the expectation that Gen. Linevitch would assume the aggressive is diminishing. The Russians, who formerly conducted the most active reconnaissances, Gen. Linevitch with his staff personally going to the advanced line in an endeavor to draw out the Japanese and discover their positions of strength, have ceased, and it is believed that Gen. Linevitch's tactics now are to be non-aggressive and entirely on the defensive.

Reports of the existence of epidemics and contagious diseases among the Russians continue to reach the Japanese army. The Jiji, discussing today the substitution of M. Witte for Ambassador Muraviev, says that the recall of the latter recalls his speech at The Hague. The Jiji says: "The higher standing and larger caliber of M. Witte and his advocacy of peace improves the situation."

Later details from Karsakorsk say that the fire which continued to burn until July 10 practically destroyed the town.

NEGRO'S EXCITING TIME.

Chicago Troopers Saved Him From a Mob of Strikers and Others.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Members of the 8th Regiment, I. N. G., rescued a colored policeman from a crowd that was threatening a lynching last night in 37th street near the Rock Island tracks. The policeman was Fred Locke, who was appointed recently for strike duty. In trying to escape from a mob he opened fire with his revolver, shooting Julia McHugher, eighteen years old, not, however, injuring her seriously.

A crowd of several hundred persons surrounded the man, bent on killing him. He was knocked down and trampled upon. About twenty negro militiamen were on their way to the 8th Regiment Armory, preparatory to leaving for their annual encampment at Springfield. They heard the shots and rushed in the direction whence the sound came. The militiamen were in full uniform and armed with rifles. The mob was driven off and Locke was taken to the hospital, where his injuries were dressed.

Later he was locked up. The trouble was due to an attempt by Locke to disperse a crowd that was jeering a non-union teamster.

SEVEN HURT IN TROLLEY CRASH.

Rear-End Collision on a Texas Interurban Road.

FORT WORTH, Tex., July 15.—A rear-end collision between a Dallas car bound for Fort Worth and an interurban trailer behind one of the Northern Texas motor cars, headed also for Fort Worth from Handley, occurred near Sycamore creek today in which seven persons were hurt, some severely. All of the injured will recover. The accident was caused, it is understood, by a misinterpretation of orders.

STEAMER DID NOT WAIT.

Some of Taft Party Had to Catch Ship on Tug.

HONOLULU, July 15.—Returning from Wakefield, Miss Roosevelt, Mrs. Du Bois, Senator Newlands and Representative Longworth, who were guests of Sheriff Brown, were too late for the steamer Manchuria, which had already left the wharf. They were taken out on a tug which was carrying a large number of citizens to bid the party farewell and were transferred again to the steamer in the open sea and then carried to the Manchuria.

UNKNOWN SCHOONER SUNK.

Believed to Have Been Victim of a Collision.

CHATHAM, Mass., July 15.—An unknown two-masted schooner was sunk about half a mile northeast of Pollock Rip, lightship early today, presumably in collision. A boat was seen going from the wreck, and it is believed the crew escaped to the lightship.

Capt. Kelley and a crew of the Monomoy Point lifesaving station went out to the wreck this forenoon. The schooner is a small vessel, entirely unladen, only part of her masts being visible above water.

FOUR KILLED AT WINNIPEG.

Walls of New Building Fall and Crush Adjoining House.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 15.—A large four-story building in course of erection here was blown down last night by a gale, and in falling crushed adjoining houses. Four persons were killed and upwards of a dozen injured. The dead are: H. White, W. Steinhoff and two unknown women. Considerable damage was done in the outskirts, where much building is in progress.

SUICIDE FOLLOWED DIVORCE.

Remorse Led Aged Man to Kill Himself.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Louis Appar, sixty-five years old, married and a grandfather, killed himself in Jersey City today by shooting, in a fit of remorse following sensational disclosures which resulted yesterday in the granting of a divorce to George M. Meyers against Clara E. Meyers. Appar was named as co-respondent. The suit had been on trial several days and had attracted wide attention. At its conclusion Vice Chancellor Garrison, in announcing his decision finding the defendant guilty of misconduct with Appar and advising a decree for the husband, said that the testimony of witnesses for the plaintiff was "direct, clear, positive and convincing."

The vice chancellor said he placed no credence whatever in the testimony of the defendant, and added that he considered "the testimony of the aged co-respondent as inexplicable by any rational theory." Appar had testified that he knew Mrs. Meyers merely as a friend and that when they had met it was only by chance. Appar was well-to-do and resided with his wife in a house which he owned in one of the best residential streets in Jersey City.

A NIGHT SESSION OF THE "KEEP MUM" COMMITTEE.



TOOK AN OUTING TODAY

PRESIDENT AND SOME MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY RECREATED.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., July 15.—Taking advantage of the beautiful weather, President Roosevelt and some members of his family enjoyed an outing today. They left Sagamore Hill early and did not return until this afternoon. Secretary Loeb did not make his usual trip to the President's home until late in the day.

No visitors were received by the President during the day and none is expected to arrive tonight. It was reported that Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, was to see the President to urge a general investigation of the Agricultural Department, but thus far no arrangements have been made for his visit.

Secretary and Mrs. Loeb will leave tomorrow on a month's trip to the Yellowstone National Park and vicinity. In Mr. Loeb's absence, Assistant Secretary Benjamin F. Barnes will direct the executive work.

LONG CHURCH SUIT.

Court's Decision Now in Hands of the Pope.

ROME, July 15.—An official copy of the decision of the supreme court of the state of Nebraska in the case of the Rev. William Murphy against Bishop Bonacum of Lincoln, Neb., upholding the right of Father Murphy to retain possession of the church property at Seward, Neb., was delivered today to the pope, who promised to examine the question in the hope of finding some way of ending the litigation between the bishop and Father Murphy.

Bishop Bonacum excommunicated Father Murphy and sought to eject him from the church and parsonage, and the latter, in turn, refused to leave. The case has been pending for more than ten years.

Artists' Union Entered a Protest.

ROME, July 15.—The Artists' Union at its annual meeting today adopted a resolution protesting against the recent judgment of Justice Leventritt of the supreme court of New York in the dispute between the Italian sculptor Biondi and the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York over Biondi's "The Saurauia," declaring the decision was against art, justice and truth. The artists in the resolution also appealed to the American artists for "solidarity among all men who live by thought and who are inspired by the supreme ideal of beauty."

Bride's Suicide at Hollidaysburg.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., July 15.—Mrs. Dolle Zimmerman Harker, a bride of two weeks, committed suicide today by taking an overdose of laudanum. She was twenty years of age and was married to John F. Harker of Roaring Springs July 4. No cause is assigned for the suicide.

Personal Mention.

Ex-Senator William Lindsay of Kentucky is in Washington for a few days on legal matters before the Supreme Court. Mr. and Mrs. William Bushby have opened their cottage at Washington Grove, where they expect to remain until late in the season.

Representative Sidney J. Bowie of Alabama is registered at the New Willard. Col. E. R. Rowland, a prominent citizen of St. Petersburg, Fla., is a guest at the St. James.

J. E. Lewis, United States navy, is stopping at the Ebbitt.

Chief Clerk Hill of the Shoreham Hotel has just returned from a vacation among the eastern coast resorts, including Cape May, Atlantic City and Bar Harbor.

Representative Broussard of New Orleans, La., is registered at the Riggs.

Senator Charles A. Cushman of Dallas, Tex., who has been in Washington on business for several days, left last night for St. Louis.

Mr. Allan E. Wilson and his family are in their cottage on the Circle at Washington Grove. Mr. Wilson is rapidly improving from his recent illness.

Mr. W. Slinker Darby of this city arrived in New York yesterday from Europe on the S. S. Deutschland and is on a short visit to his relatives at 139 9th street northwest.

Rev. Charles Lee Reynolds of Des Moines, Iowa, who will occupy the pulpit of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church on the 16th and 22d instants, in the absence of Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, is stopping with his brother-in-law, Mr. Isaac Pearson, 1615 13th street.

COMMANDER SCOTT'S CASE.

Sentence Referred to the President for Action.

The court-martial record in the case of Commander B. O. Scott, U. S. N., has been received at the Navy Department. Commander Scott, who was in command of the Detroit, was found guilty of drunkenness on duty, suffering a vessel of the navy to be run upon a shoal and hazardous, and neglect of duty. He was also charged with failing to obey a lawful order of arrest and of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline, but these charges could not be proved. The offenses are alleged to have occurred on board the Detroit at Puerto Plata, May 17. The court sentenced Commander Scott to dismissal from the service, but made a unanimous recommendation for clemency. Rear Admiral R. B. Bradford, commanding the squadron, approved the sentence of the court and disapproved the recommendation for clemency. The case will go to the President for final action.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED.

Eight Others Injured in Train Collision in Indiana.

MOUNT VERNON, Ind., July 15.—In a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Louisville and Nashville railroad near Upton, Ind., today four persons were killed and eight injured. One of the injured will die.

A train dispatcher, it is said, mistook the number of the trains, and after they had started realized his error.

A number of persons were hastily summoned to flag the trains, but the collision occurred before efforts could prevent.

Passengers Did Not Know It.

The passengers, all of whom were in their berths, did not know there had been an accident, until after the train had been stopped for some time. They were not even shaken up and none of them was injured.

A wreck train was sent from this city, but the order was countermanded before the train got fairly started, and it returned here. The Pennsylvania railroad physicians, Dr. Walters and Dr. James were also notified and were at the station, but their services were not required.

A wreck crew from Mifflin cleared the track and Fireman Garman brought the train to Harrisburg.

The engineer was brought to his home beyond the damage to the engine, which was slight and the smashing of the platform of the combined baggage and smoking car, the train was not damaged. It arrived here at 8:23 and left at 8:33, two hours and forty minutes late.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST HER.

Young Woman Accused of an Attempted Poisoning.

OWATONNA, Minn., July 15.—Vilma Johnson, a young woman of this county, is under arrest, charged with having put paris green into a well on the farm of John L. Johnson and with having sent an orange containing strychnine to Mrs. Lundstrum, a daughter of Johnson, who is a teacher in the county schools. The prisoner's preliminary hearing has been set for August 11. According to the prosecution, Miss Johnson was desperately in love with a young man of the neighborhood.

She is said to have become jealous of Mrs. Lundstrum, who is a young widow, and with the idea of getting Mrs. Lundstrum out of the way, it is charged, Miss Johnson impregnated an orange with strychnine and sent the orange to Mrs. Lundstrum with a note saying the orange was "for teacher only." The orange was laid aside, and having failed in this direction the girl is alleged to have poisoned the Johnson well.

Fortunately the alleged crime was discovered before any disastrous results ensued. The orange was sent to the state chemist and was discovered to contain enough strychnine to kill a score of people.

SUBMARINE RAISED.

Sunken Vessel Finally Brought to Surface at Bizerta.

PARIS, July 15.—The minister of marine has received a dispatch from Bizerta, Tunis, saying that the efforts to raise the floating dock to which the sunken submarine boat had been fastened were successful this morning. The dock was taken to Sid Abrahim, where it will be immediately placed in dry dock for the purpose of opening the submarine and taking out the fourteen bodies of her crew.

Former Spanish Premier Dead.

MADRID, July 15.—Marquis Villaverde, a former premier of Spain, died here today.

Will It Fall?

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EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

Number of Points in Maine Felt Vibrations.

PEOPLE AWAKENED

TWO VISITATIONS REPORTED AT SOME PLACES.

The Prison at Thomaston Was Shaken—State Geologist's Explanation of the Occurrence.

PORTLAND, Me., July 15.—An earthquake shock affecting a large portion of Maine occurred at 5:10 a.m. today and was noticeable for about ten seconds. It was said to have been more severe than the shock of March 21, 1904, which occurred about 1 a.m. Today's trembling awoke many people from sound sleep.

It was reported from Bangor to Kittery and from above Farmington to the coast at Rockland, and seemed most severe in central Maine, and especially at Augusta and Waterville. Early reports of the quaking were received from Kittery, York, Biddeford, Portland, Brunswick, Lewiston, Augusta, Waterville, Bangor, Farmington, Skowhegan, Rockland, Belfast and Bangor, also Manchester and Concord in New Hampshire. Night operators of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at Caribou, Houlton, Machias and Millinocketta, all east of Bangor, did not notice any disturbance.

Two shocks were felt in Brunswick, Thomaston and some other places, the second being more severe than the first. In the vicinity of Portland a rumbling noise accompanied the shock, being heard perceptibly by Captain Gilbert M. Dinsmore of the Portland observatory, who became familiar with earthquakes while living in Mexico. The state prison at Thomaston shook, but no damage was done there or in any section of the state.

Reports indicate that the shock was not felt west of New Hampshire.

At Bangor there was one long rumble, which rattled dishes and shook windows. State Geologist Leslie A. Lee of Bowdoin College said as near as he could judge the tremulous agitation passed from east to west at 5:10 o'clock and was between seven and eight seconds in duration.

There is no instrument at Bowdoin for registering the velocity and strength of the concussion. Professor Lee said it was one of those shocks which caused by the slipping of rock on the side of a fissure at some considerable depth, probably two or three miles, as a result of long continued strain. It could have been stimulated by an explosion of some kind. Professor Lee could not locate, from reports received, the center of the shock.

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FINED FOR FLIRTATION.

Masher Sentenced to Six Months in Jail for Addressing Woman.

NEW YORK, July 15.—A six months' sentence to prison for a passing street flirtation with a married woman was imposed on Benjamin F. Smith, who came here from St. Louis, by Magistrate Steinert today.

Late last evening Mrs. Grace M. Gamble, who is handsome and dresses stylishly, was waiting for her husband, a Brooklyn business man, at the Madison avenue and 42d street subway entrance. Smith was passing and spoke to her. Mrs. Gamble resented this, struck Smith in the face and caused him to fall.

In court today, although Mrs. Gamble herself requested leniency to the prisoner, the magistrate imposed a sentence, and at the same time invited other women who suffer from "mashers" to act as Mrs. Gamble.

CHARGED WITH BLACKMAIL.

Society Patrons Offer Services to Prosecuting Attorney.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Three prominent society persons have informed the district attorney's office that if their services are required they will appear as complainants against Charles E. Ahle of the Society Editors' Association, who yesterday was held in \$5,000 bail for the grand jury on a charge of attempted blackmail, lodged against him by Edwin M. Post, a member of the New York stock exchange.

This announcement was made today by Assistant District Attorney Paul Krotel, who has been assigned by District Attorney Jerome to prosecute Ahle on Mr. Post's complaint.

The allegation against Ahle is that he attempted to coerce Post into subscribing for a book dealing with the New York society, which was to be printed and sold to subscribers at \$500 per copy. Mr. Post alleged that Ahle told him that a scandalous story involving his name, which was in the possession of Judge Deuel of the city court, would not be printed if he subscribed for the book. At the time of Ahle's arrest the police found a list containing the names of many persons prominent socially.

Opposite each name were figures representing sums ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. Up to today Mr. Post has stood alone as complainant against Ahle, but now, according to Assistant District Attorney Krotel, he is to be reinforced by two women and a man of the highest social standing, who are ready to press complaints against the prisoner on the same grounds taken by Mr. Post. Mr. Krotel explained, however, that these offers were conditional. The persons were ready to testify against Ahle, he said, only if guaranteed that no questions be asked concerning the scandalous story.

Assistant District Attorney Krotel today called upon Judge Deuel of the city court, who is a stockholder in the company which publishes Town Topics, a weekly paper, and asked permission to inspect the books of the company. He was informed by company officials that the books were in custody of the treasurer, Daniels, who had been instructed to consult counsel, and that the latter would confer with Mr. Krotel next Monday.

Fine Summer Home Burned.

LENOX, Mass., July 15.—Fire today destroyed the handsome summer residence here known as the Appleton house, owned by Anson Phelps Stokes of New York, and occupied by Eric B. Dahlgren of New York. The fire started in the cellar from a cause thus far unknown. Most of the furniture and several valuable paintings were removed. The loss is placed at \$100,000, with insurance of \$70,000. All the members of the Dahlgren family escaped from the house in safety.

Weather.

Fair tonight and tomorrow, with moderate temperature; light west to north winds.

IS NEARLY CONCLUDED

Taking of Testimony by Keep Commission.

PALMER AND RICKETTS

BOTH ON THE STAND AT YESTERDAY'S SESSIONS.

Speculation as to the Outcome in the Great Government Printery—An Autopsy Expected.

The taking of testimony at the government printing office in relation to the purchase of seventy-two Lanston typesetting machines, is now drawing to a close. The testimony has very fully developed the relative merits of the two rival typesetting machines. But this testimony is so conflicting that it is now realized no commission of inexperienced men can give an opinion which will prove satisfactory to the two companies interested.

For this reason there is now considerable discussion as to the probability in the near future of having some sort of a test of the relative efficiency of the machines that will produce results that will command the confidence of every one. How that test will be made is not yet known. That it will have to be made in the near future is confidently believed by men who are prominent in the affairs of the government printing office and who have carefully followed all the developments in the Lanston scandal.

It is a question, however, whether the contract made for the purchase of the machines is to be fulfilled or will be canceled. That it is quite generally believed, will be determined by the President himself. The importance of the government printing office scandal is, in the judgment of the commission, and it is understood a like view is taken by the President, lifted above the mere amusements of money involved in this contract for typesetting machines. If there is believed to be sufficient evidence to prove that the machines were recommended for additional use by men who would be financially benefited by its purchase it is likely that the contract will be withdrawn.

That would be the end of the matter. It is believed by men in close touch with the commission, without regard to the relative merits of the machines. The final opinion of the commission will be given by the President, as it is understood to be the purpose of the commission to send the testimony to the President for his consideration. The President himself is expected to read the report of the proceedings and he will act accordingly to his view of the propriety of the course that has been pursued in making this contract involving \$231,000.

Today's Testimony.

Now that the secret sessions of the Keep investigating commission are drawing to a close, the quidnuncs in the government printing office are discussing what will be the final outcome of the inquiry.

"It will prove to be an autopsy on some of the officials," said a well-posted employee today, "and we are speculating as to who will be the official corpse."

The usual secrecy surrounded the investigation chamber and the inquirers today and the employees of the government print are trying their best to get a glimpse of what might be transpiring in the chamber of mysteries. Even the familiar figure of the black cat and its companion, the black dog, which have been so often seen in the vicinity of the government printing office, are being kept out of the chamber of mysteries.

Word leaked out from the closely guarded room that the commissioners were hastening to make a final decision on the testimony of the officials. The testimony of the officials, it is understood, will be given by the President, as it is understood to be the purpose of the commission to send the testimony to the President for his consideration.

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